

August 2025

OVERVIEW

Full council meeting on 17th July, agenda can be found here: [Agenda for Council on Thursday, 17th July, 2025, 10.00 am – Shropshire Council](#) . It is worth noting that one item passed by full council was to instruct Shropshire Highways to remove any old/damaged temporary road signs that have been left across the county, especially in our verges, and to ensure that future contractors (both internal and external) are contractually obliged to remove all their temporary signage. A number of residents have raised this as an issue so hopefully we should start to see our hedgerows relieved of this mess.

(08/07/25) The council received a letter from Liliam Greenwood MP – Minister for the Future of Roads, regarding the governments position on the active 70 'Major Road Network' and 'Large Local Majors' program and confirmed that the North West Relief Road Project would be assessed over the summer.

I attended the Shropshire Virtual School event on the 9th July where the team outlined the work undertaken this past academic year as well as looking at changes to the Corporate Parenting responsibilities under changes to the 'Childrens Bill'. We were also joined by speaker Jaz Ampar-Farr who has been working with SVS and the children and has chosen Shropshire to launch her new book "Because of You, This is Me" which tells her experience as a looked after child.

A cabinet meeting was held on the 9th July, agenda, items and decisions can be found here: [Decision sheet details on public web site](#)

On the 11th July I attended a memorial event outside Shire Hall remembering the Srebrenica genocide where I gave a few words about the humanitarian roles of the armed forces.

The Transformation & Improvement scrutiny board have agreed their first priorities with terms of reference being drawn up and 'Task and Finish' groups being created in relation to priorities.

1. Shropshire Partnership: Aim to have recommendations to cabinet for November.
2. Review scrutiny and committee structures (in light of priority 1).
3. Investigate the process of distributing CIL.
4. Review budget and medium term financial strategy process.

CORRECTION July Report: The Gov have decided to keep some neighbourhood planning grant funds (up to £20k) which can be distributed directly through council.

CASEWORK

Casework	Issue Raised / Portfolio	Actions
Ollerton Business Park, Childs Ercall	PLANNING: Various planning applications have been passed yet conditions not met (esp highways)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resident communication shared with planning portfolio holder.• (03/06/25) Emma Green (<i>Planning Enforcement Leader</i>) has replied directly to a resident concern outlining the stages for legal involvement.

A41 Safety	HIGHWAYS/POLICE: Update on the installation of average speed cameras along the A41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (26/05/25) Letter received from Mark Pritchard MP outlining that money has been secured but requires Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Councils to complete a 'Route Study' which has been actioned by contractor Amey. (04/06/25) Shropshire Highways: <i>"I can confirm that Amey on behalf of Telford & Wrekin are making some final amendments, namely including some final comments. Although we have not had a date confirmed we are anticipating the report will be available in the next month or so".</i> (08/07/25) Spoken with colleagues on TAW Council who are also chasing.
A41 Closures	Concerns raised from Goldstone Hall & The Wharf regarding financial impact on the current and planned closure (Aug)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (03/06/25) email to Telford & Wrekin Highways portfolio holder expressing concerns and requested sight of an impact assessment. (14/07/25) emailed TAW Portfolio holder again for answers. (23/07/25) Telford & Wrekin Council confirmed that following feedback received from Cllrs, businesses and residents, the road closures would now only be in place weekdays, 0700-1600 for the two week period. This information was shared with all who had contacted me regarding this.
23/03138/FUL Mixed 28 Residential Dwellings Childs Ercall	PLANNING: This has gone to 'recommendations/committee'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (09/06/25) I have contacted the case officer regarding the general position of this application having been made aware of community concerns. (17/07/25) No communication received, concerns raised by the Lib Dem administration over the lack of response from officers.

UPDATES

There are currently no specific updates.

PARISH COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Here are questions posed by parish councillors across the division and updates/answers at present.

Question	Answer / Outcomes
Speed testing on Childs Ercall roads?	<p>(09/06/25) I have forwarded the email chain to the senior officers and requested an update.</p> <p>(08/07/25) Email received from officer confirming testing sites, forwarded to PC Chair requesting additional info.</p>
Eaton On Tern Solar Farm - Will residents benefit financially?	Officers still investigating.
Is there a time frame regarding registering - marking - fixing potholes?	<p>Answer from Cllr Tom Dainty: <i>"Shropshire currently does not have a specific 'target time', it's something we are looking at changing so that we do have more tangible performance metrics"</i></p> <p>We repaired 35,862 potholes in 2024, with 24% of these carried out within five days.</p>